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H.R. 4167 Preempts Your State's Food Safety Laws

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Dear Colleague:

H.R. 4167 would preempt 200 essential state food safety laws, ranging from regulations ensuring the safety of milk and shellfish to laws protecting the quality of state-specific products. Here are some examples of the laws that would be preempted:

- 50 state laws regulating safety of milk;
- 50 state laws regulating safety of food in restaurants;
- 10 state laws regulating safety of shellfish;
- An Alabama law regulating infested, moldy, or decayed pecans and other nuts;
- A California law requiring that consumers be notified when food contains contaminants that cause cancer or birth-defects;
- A California law limiting the amount of lead in candy;
- A Florida law regulating labeling of citrus fruit and citrus products;
- A Maine law requiring disclosure of the risk of eating smoked alewives;
- A Maryland law prohibiting the sale of frozen food that has been previously thawed;
- A Minnesota law requiring labeling of types of wild rice;
- A Mississippi law requiring labeling of farm-raised catfish;
- A New Hampshire law requiring that maple syrup be made solely from the sap of the maple tree;
- A New York law regulating lead, cadmium, mercury, and chromium in food packages;
- A North Carolina law requiring that in summer camps use only grade A pasteurized milk served in original containers;
- A Rhode Island law requiring disclosure of the refreezing of fish and shellfish;
- A Virginia law prohibiting removal of a sell-by date label; and
- A Wisconsin law requiring a label showing age and type of cheese made in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



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